

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Examiner Butler is thanked for indicating that Claims 4-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 5 and 6 are canceled. Claim 4 is rewritten in independent form, and Claims 2 and 3 are amended to depend from Claim 4.

The specification is amended to correct the minor typographical issues kindly pointed out by the examiner on the last page of the Official Action.

An issue is raised on the bottom of page two of the Official Action regarding the term "type." Accordingly, the term "type" is deleted from the claims, thereby addressing this issue. Also, at the top of page three of the Official Action, issues are raised regarding antecedent basis in the claims. The claims are amended to address these issues.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the claim rejection based on the second paragraph of 35 U.S. § 112 is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, or should the Examiner feel that a teleconference with the undersigned would be helpful in

resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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